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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ting et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2008 (hereinafter "the Action") regarding the above-referenced patent application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.